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**MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE
October 15, 2019**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee was held on October 15, 2019 at 8:42 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman K. Evans, Commissioner Chhatwani, Comm Rep Dressler, Macdonald

Absent: Comm Rep Henderson, Neel, Wittkamp

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance and Administration Hopkins, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Golf and Facilities Bechtold

Audience: President Kaplan, Commissioners Kilbridge, R. Evans and McGinn; Comm Rep Wilson, GM Tusa; see attached list

2. Approval of Agenda:

Chairman K. Evans asked to move item New Business 6C Pickle Ball to New Business 6A due to the lateness of the evening and the audience interested in participating.

Comm Rep Macdonald made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the agenda as corrected. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Macdonald made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Comments from the Audience:**

None

5. **Old Business:**

None

6. **New Business:**

Chairman Evans addressed the audience noting that the committee was made up of 2 Commissioners and 5 Comm Reps that made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. He also noted that the remaining 5 Commissioners were present in the audience.

A. **Fabbrini Pickle Ball Expansion/M19-100:**

Executive Director Talsma reviewed the item noting that the district was looking to improve Fabbrini Park by adding 4 new pickle ball courts and a wind screen around the entire area for a total of \$30,000 in the 2020 budget. He noted that it should be ready by next summer.

Director Hugen noted that the screens would be 8-feet.

Comm Rep Dressler noted that would make 5 courts across the space.

Chairman K. Evans asked about individual fencing on courts and it was noted that there would not be enough room.

Wayne Burdick addressed the committee to thank them for the great courts.

John Sesterhenn addressed the committee thanking the district for the courts noting that pickle ball was the fastest growing sport in the world and that their membership had risen to over 200.

Tom Dilillo thanked the district for listening to their request.

Jeff Frank noted that they were very competitive in the area now. He asked if the surface would be leveled. Director Hugen noted that it would not be regraded at this time, just resurfaced and regraded according to the GIS information.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to recommend the board approve the \$30,000 to renovate the courts at Fabbrini Park as outlined in M19-100. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Program Guide Print Bid Results/M19-101:

Director Kapusinski reviewed the item.

Comm Rep Dressler asked about using local vendors and Executive Director Talsma noted that it was advertised to local vendors; however the district could not give special attention to location but would have to award based on low bid.

Comm Rep Macdonald made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to recommend the board award the 2020 bid for the printing of the seasonal program guide to Paulson Press as outlined in M19-101. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Teen & Senior Programs/M19-103:

Director Kapusinski reviewed the item noting that the district was looking to expand the teen programming. She explained that the township was no longer involved and that the Village did not feel it was the best use of their social worker on Tuesday nights. Staff recommendations were to offer events at the teen center on Tuesday to include: 1st Tuesday Movie Night; 2nd Tuesday Wellness events with the Village; 3rd Tuesday Field Trip; 4th Tuesday Game Night. She noted that it was a cost of \$10,000 annually to run the center.

Commissioner Chhatwani asked if there was a fee and it was noted that there was not.

Comm Rep Dressler asked if the district was prepared to handle an increase in attendance (from 8 to 20+) if the program was successful and Director Kapusinski noted that they were.

Chairman K. Evans asked how they were going to keep a monthly health lecture fresh and it was noted that staff would work with the Village.

Comm Rep Dressler asked if the Teen Center had offered a monthly dance in the past and it was noted that they had not.

Commissioner Chhatwani noted that if they wanted to run a session on finance she would be available to present.

Commissioner Kinnane asked if they could arrange a field trip to a gym some time and staff will check on that.

Director Kapusinski also reviewed the senior programming and asked if the committee was comfortable with supplementing the senior program. She noted that they had dropped from 597 to 375 50+ members.

Comm Rep Macdonald asked about removing the fee and turning it into a non-profit. Executive Director Talsma noted that the district was already non-profit.

Comm Rep Dressler noted that they would also need to address activities for the younger members of the 50+ group.

President Kaplan suggested making November and/or December free months for members to encourage past participants to re-sign.

Commissioner Kilbridge asked if they surveyed the seniors and Director Kapusinski noted that they had tried and did not get responses.

Commissioner Chhatwani asked about the daily fee and it was noted that it was \$5/day.

Commissioner R. Evans asked about the 500 membership and it was noted that initially with Amita the enrollment had been 1200 and that the 500 was an accurate number.

Comm Rep Wilson asked about the difference between the senior groups and Director Kapusinski noted that many districts supplemented their senior programs, offered the same type of events and/or did not charge a fee to be a member.

Executive Director Talsma noted that the committee consensus was to continue to support the 50+ program and that staff would look into the membership fee.

Chairman K. Evans noted that net profit should be margin; supplement should be subsidized and teen total loss should be cost for future reference.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Macdonald that the board approve the teen and senior programs to operate at a financial loss for the 2020 proposed budget. The motion carried by voice vote.

D. TC Ice Rink 3 Renovation/M19-102:

Director Hugen reviewed the item noting that staff could not fix Rink 2.

Comm Rep Macdonald asked about the original GIS date and it was noted to have been 30 years.

Comm Rep Dressler asked about the longevity of the new rinks and it was noted to be 25 to 30 years.

President Kaplan asked about options and Executive Director Talsma noted that the ice could rent for \$300,000 annually but a turf area might only see \$100,000.

Commissioner Kilbridge asked if the renovation would be a capital project and it was noted that it would.

Chairman K. Evans asked if the project would affect any other projects and Executive Director Talsma noted that it would not; that there were reserves.

Commissioner R. Evans asked about the cost of a brand new rink versus renovation and Director Hopkins noted the cost would be \$25 to \$30 million dollars.

Comm Rep Macdonald asked if there were other stop gaps to be tried and Director Huguenot noted that they had all been tried.

Comm Rep Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to recommend the board approve adding Rink 2 renovation as part of the 2020 budget for an amount of \$1,500,000. The motion carried by voice vote.

E. Rec Report and 3Q Goals/M19-094:

Director Kapusinski reviewed the report. Commissioner McGinn noted that the parking had been an issue at Pumpkin Fest. Executive Director Talsma noted that they were looking into moving the event or working more officially with ATT to create better parking at the present site as well as using the bus to move people from Eisenhower School.

Commissioner Kilbridge suggested offering different times for different age groups for events.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Macdonald to send the Rec Report M19-094 and 3Q Goals to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

F. BPC & The Club Report and 3Q Goals/M19-096:

Director Bechtold reviewed the reports.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Macdonald to send the BPC and The Club Report M19-096 and 3Q Goals to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Macdonald noted that the fishing derby was great and was looking forward to the wild flower seeding.

Commissioner Chhatwani congratulated Chairman K. Evans on his 10 years.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Macdonald made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary